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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on March 19, 2002, Applicant hereby submits the following documents:

Applicants submit herewith a copy of a notice of Preliminary Rejection (together with its English language translation) from the Korean Patent Office that was mailed on March 30, 2004, with respect to patent family member Korean Patent Application No.

10-2001-0078052, in which the Korean Patent Examiner cited the following documents:

- (1) Korean Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 1999-38731, which was published on June 5, 1999, together with an English language abstract; and
- (2) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-143422, which was published on May 29, 1998. This document was cited in the above-noted Information Disclosure Statement and has been considered by the Examiner.

The relevance of each document, as ascertained by the Korean Examiner applying Korean rules to the Korean claims, is as set forth in the Korean Office Action.

Applicants also submit herewith a copy of an Office Action (together with its English language translation) from the Chinese Patent Office that was mailed on April 2, 2004, with respect to patent family member Chinese Patent Application No. 01143892.4, in which the Chinese Patent Examiner cited the following documents:

- (3) Z. ZHIXIONG, "Metadata: Data Organizing and Finding the Internet Resource," pp. 21-25, 1999, together with an English language Abstract of the same;
- (4) Chinese Patent Publication No. CN 1243291, which was published on February 2, 2000;
- (5) Chinese Patent Publication No. CN 88 1 00793, which was published on October 19, 1988, together with patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,008,820 to CHRISTOPHER, Jr. et al., which issued on April 16, 1991; and
- (6) Chinese Patent Publication No. CN 1230063, which was published on September 29, 1999, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

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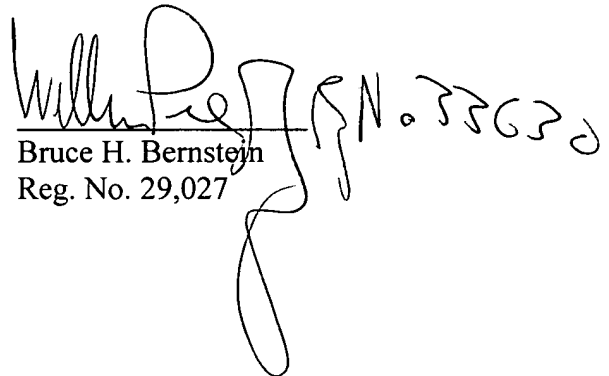
Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. A copy of document (2) is not attached hereto as that document was previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement. Copies of documents (1), and (3)-(6) are attached hereto and all of the documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached

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Applicant certifies that documents (1), (3)-(6) were all first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement, and thus no fee is required to ensure consideration of these documents. Applicant notes that document (2) was previously submitted and considered, and thus no certification is required for consideration of this document.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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